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Reply to Office Action dated May 7, 2010

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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration and allowance of the present application is respectfully requested. Claims 1-13 and 15-20 are pending in the above application of which claims 1, 3 and 13 are independent. By the above amendment, claim 14 has been cancelled without prejudice.

The Office Action dated May 7, 2010, has been received and carefully reviewed. In that Office Action, claims 3 and 4 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite, and claims 13 and 15-17 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Umebayashi. Claims 1, 2 and 5-12 were allowed, and claims 14 and 18-20 were objected to but indicated to be allowable if amended to include the limitations of their base claims. The allowance of all claims is respectfully requested in view of the following remarks.

ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER

Applicant thanks the examiner for indicating that claims 1, 2 and 5-12 are allowed. Claim 14 was indicated to be allowable if rewritten to include the limitations of its base claim, claim 13. By the above amendment, the limitations of claim 14 have been added to claim 13. It is therefore believed that claim 13 and its dependent claims 15-20 are also in condition for allowance. Wherefore the allowance of these claims is respectfully requested.

REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. 112, SECOND PARAGRAPH

Claim 3 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite.

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By the above amendment, the potentially indefinite phrase "of the projecting part" has been removed from the claim. It is respectfully submitted that claim 3 as amended satisfies the requirements of 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, and the withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested. As no art was cited against claims 3 and 4, is respectfully submitted that claims 3 and 4 are now in condition for allowance.

CONCLUSION

Each issue raised in the Office Action dated May 7, 2010, has been addressed, and it is believed that claims 1-13 and 15-20 are in condition for allowance. Wherefore, the allowance of these claims is earnestly solicited. If the examiner believes that any additional changes would place the application in better condition for allowance, the examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

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Deposit Account Authorization

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this, concurrent and future replies, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 50-3828 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,



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